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14. CONGRESS DELAY LETTER
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Greenways
Knockholt
near Sevenoaks
Kent
England

September 20th., 1966

Dear Tom,

I was just about to write to you and see if you had your passports ready to go over to France when I got a letter yesterday from Vanko Rouda, in Paris, to say that the meeting past been postponed for six months.

He says the International Gypsy Committee is buying a large castle with a great park around it where the meeting will be held next April. So have patience and I'll let you know more about the arrangements as soon as I hear. Meanwhile, get your passports so that you won't have to rush at the last minute.

The Kent Gypsy Committee, which represents about a hundred families around here, decided to pay the fare of two members to go over to the meeting, probably Jasper Smith and Soli Brown.

I was at the funeral of old Derby Smith the other day, as I said on the post-card. There were about a hundred of the Smiths there.

Vanni and I are going up to London to live in a week or two. We're trying to get the job as caretakers of a big mansion - it has five bathrooms. It will be great if we get it and there is a telephone. I hope to help to get all the travellers in the London organised and have meetings there.

Please let Johnny have the news about the meeting. I hope he will come in the spring. It will be lovely over there. You should get a few quid together and bring Ann and the children over.

If the Corporation try to put you off at Finglas let me know by postcard immediately. I can still do something from over here. But ring Mrs. Simms also. Her number is 977849.

All the best Grattan.